

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

PEPYS

Group Art Unit: 1617

Application No.: 09/737,544

Examiner: WANG, S

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Title: TREATMENT AND PREVENTION OF TISSUE DAMAGE

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

This is in response to the final official action dated June 29, 2006, and is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination. This response is timely filed, as it is accompanied by a petition for an extension of time to file in the third month, and the requisite fee.